

Claims 1-14, 46-77 have been rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, Applicants respectfully disagree and request withdrawal thereof.

Independent claim 1, 47, 50, 56-58, 60, 62-70 and 77 recite "an antireflection surface". Support is found through out the specification, in particular, in the paragraph bridging pages 8 and 9 and in the first full paragraph on page 18. Pages 8-9 of the specification referring to Figure 1 teaches "Light or radiant energy 54 and 58 incident in opening 56 between electrode/mirrors 30 and 33 ... of liquid crystal device 12 ... would enter dielectric layer 46 and would require multiple reflections as shown by arrow 59 between top surface 55 of reflector/absorber layer 34 and the bottom surface of electrode/mirror 30 to reach dielectric layers 44, 42, 40 and 36 and semiconductor substrate 14 containing electrical circuits 16 ... Top surface 55 of reflector/absorber layer 34 may be TiN layer 94 which is part of layer 34 show in Fig. 7 is used as an antireflection coating". The meaning of the term "antireflection" is, therefore, clear from the specification.

The Examiner considers the term "reflector/absorber" indefinite. Applicants respectfully disagree and so does the USPTO since the issued parent application of the present invention, US 5,706,067, uses this terminology in the issued claims. Moreover, the terminology "reflector/absorber" is recited in the claims of US Patents 4,312,326; 5,457,532 and 4,701,298 and is, therefore, considered definite by the USPTO. The present specification extensively uses the terminology "reflector/absorber" and its meaning is thus definite. The Examiner objects to the terminology "plurality of devices" in claim 1. Allowed claim 1 of the parent, US 5,706,067, of the present application uses similar terminology and has thus been found definite by the USPTO.

Various claims of the present application have been rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as anticipated by Miyawaki et al. US 5,708,486 (issued 1/13/1998, filed 9-16-1996), and anticipated by Kurogane US 5,652,667 (issued 7/29/1997, filed 11-6-1995); and under 35 USC 102(b) as anticipated by Shintani et al. US 5,978,056 (issued 11-2-1999, filed 10-15-1996). The present application is a continuation of US Application Serial Number 08/803,210 filed April 28, 1995. Thus Miyawaki et al., Kurogane and Shintani et al. are

not references under 35 USC 102(e) or (b). Therefore, withdrawal of the rejections under 35 USC 102 are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-14, 46-51, 54-77 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) in view of Sato et al (US 5,461,501). By declaration under 37 CFR 1.131 of co-inventors Colgan, Harper and Speidel submitted on April 5, 2000, Applicants have sworn behind the filing date (October 6, 1993) of Sato et al. and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 51-52 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) in view of Shintani et al, Kurogane and other references. As indicated above, Shintani et al. and Kurogane are not references under 35 USC 102 and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-14, 46-77 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) in view of Sato et al., Kurogane and other references. As indicated above Kurogane is not a reference under 35 USC 102 and Applicants have sworn behind Sato et al. Therefore, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 51-52 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) in view of Shintani et al. and Kurogane in combination with other references. Since, for the reasons give above, neither Shintani et al. nor Kurogane are references under 35 USC 102 Applicants request withdrawal of this rejection.

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In view of the changes to the claims and the remarks herein, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the above-identified application. If the Examiner wishes to discuss the application further, or if additional information would be required, the undersigned will cooperate fully to assist in the prosecution of this application.

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If the above-identified Examiner's Action is a final Action, and if the above-identified application will be abandoned without further action by Applicants, Applicants file a Notice of Appeal to the Board of Appeals and Interferences appealing the final rejection of the claims in the above-identified Examiner's Action. Please charge deposit account 09-0468 any fee necessary to enter such Notice of Appeal.

In the event that this amendment does not result in allowance of all such claims, the undersigned attorney respectfully requests a telephone interview at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

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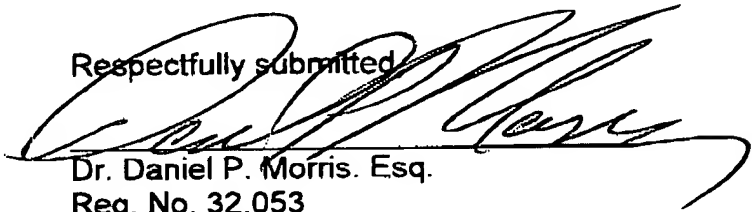
MPEP 713.01 states in part as follows:

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